

I oppose further media consolidation. The fact that media companies such as FOX and VIACOM filed a joint statement should tell us something. It should tell us that such a move would benefit the very few companies that can afford to buy up the few existing independent sources of news, entertainment, and education. We are heading towards a country where a few companies will control media outlets of every kind, from print and online publishing, to TV news, movies and radio. We should be a country of many voices, not few. I do not want to seem overly paranoid or sentimental but I think I benefitted from the media choices I grew up with and I want to see those choices remain. There are countless examples of how media consolidation produces commercial but inane products. We can change the station now to find something different. We'll be sorry when we can't.